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RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE  
(1949-1972)

The following list identifies professional services performed by Ernest Erber as responsible planner in charge, with credit references to subordinate staff associates and/or consultants. All local place names are in New Jersey, unless otherwise indicated.

I. Master Plans:

City of Passaic (1951-53), with E. G. Echeverria and Carl Mays  
City of Clifton (1956-59), Carl Mays and J. B. Moore  
Town of Nutley (1956-58), with Carl Mays and J. B. Moore  
Borough of Wallington (1953) with Joshua Siegal, and (1961)  
with Herman Sirlin  
Borough of East Rutherford (1953-55) with Joshua Siegal  
Township of Lyndhurst (1961) with Robert Kren  
City of Garfield (1958-60) with Herman Sirlin  
Meadowlands Regional Planning Board-Hackensack Meadows  
Reclamation and Development Plan, Bergen County (1958-60)  
with Ralph Field

II. Zoning Ordinances:

City of Passaic (1953-54), with Stanley B. Tanel and Hugh R. Pomeroy  
City of Clifton (1958-60) with J. B. Moore, Paul Rasmussen and  
Thomas B. Vaughan  
Town of Nutley (1954-58) with Carl Mays and J. B. Moore  
City of Garfield (1959) with Herman Sirlin

III. Subdivision Ordinances:

Borough of East Rutherford (1954) with Carl Mays (and Committee  
of Attorneys and Engineers)  
(Above was a model ordinance that was used with variations in  
Passaic, Clifton, Nutley, Wallington and Garfield)

IV. Minimum Housing Codes:

City of Passaic (1955) with Judge Stanley J. Polack,  
William Gurtman, Esq., and John J. Schneider, P.E.  
City of Clifton (1958) with Grace C. Harris

V. Building Code Revision:

City of Passaic (1954-55) as planning advisor to Mayor's Committee  
on Code Revision

VI. Capital Improvements Program and Budget:

City of Passaic (1953) with Walter H. Gardner, Jr., Esq.  
and Theodore Janescek, City Treasurer  
(Revised annually, 1954-60)

VII. Urban Renewal:

A. City of Passaic (1949-60)

Location of Blight Study (1950) with Ralph Barnes  
Delineation of Project Area (1952) with Grace C. Harris  
Preliminary Plan for Pulaski Park Project (1953) with  
Carl Mays  
Revised Plan for Pulaski Park Project (1953) with  
Julian Whittlesey, AIA  
Rehabilitation Plans for North Dundee Project (1958-60)  
with Grace C. Harris, and S.J. Goldstein, AIA  
Workable Program (1956 and annually thereafter to 1960)  
with Grace C. Harris

B. City of Clifton

Location of Blight Study (1958) with Grace C. Harris and  
J. B. Moore  
Preliminary Plans for Renewal in Allwood and Botany Areas  
(1958-59) with J. B. Moore

C. Inter-Municipal

Study of Botany Area for Joint Renewal Project by Passaic  
and Clifton (1958) with J. B. Moore

VIII. Regional Highway Studies:

Route 21: Alignment through Nutley, Clifton, Wallington,  
Passaic and Garfield (1950-51 and 1955-60)  
Route 80: Advantages of by-passing Garrett Mountain on  
north in place of proposed Great Notch  
alignment (1953-54)

IX. CBD Traffic, Parking and Redesign:

Redesign of Downtown Passaic - Street Plan and Traffic  
Flow (1958-59) with Warren Travers, ITE, John J. Schneider, P.E.  
Off-Street Parking for Lodi (1955) with Joshua Siegel and  
Grace C. Harris  
Redesign for Nutley's CBD (1958) with J. B. Moore

X. Reclamation and Development of Marine Marsh:

Hackensack River Basin Studies (1953-60)  
Plan for East Rutherford Meadows (1954) with Joshua Siegel  
Survey Report (1957-58) with Ralph Field  
Reclamation Plan (1958-59) with Ralph Field and Engineering  
Consultants  
Land Use and Transportation Plan (1959) with Ralph Field and  
Dr. Carl Viezie, Economist

XI. Subdivision Review:

Passaic, Clifton, East Rutherford, Wallington, Nutley and Garfield (1954-61) with various staff planners

XII. Flood Control:

Regional:

Preparation of statement and maps on impact upon City of Passaic of planned Upper Valley Reservoirs, proposed by Army Corps of Engineers; testimony before Congressional Committee by local representatives (1951) with Edward Echeverria.

Local:

Study of possible effect upon Passaic's Third Ward of channel improvements in upstream portion of McDonald's Brook located in Clifton (1953) with Richard Hazen, P.E., hydraulics engineer, and John J. Schneider, P.E., municipal engineer.

XIII. Special Studies:

1. Fire Stations: Relocation study, City of Passaic (1951)
2. Municipal Building: On proposed use of renovated Elks Building vs. new structure, City of Passaic (1951)
3. "Dead Subdivision": Replotting lot lines and replanning streets, Town of Nutley (1954) with Carl Mays

4. Public Housing:

A. City of Passaic

Study to determine location and number of units required: Pulaski Park Proposal (1951); Chestnut Street proposal (1956)\*

B. City of Clifton

Scientific sample survey of low income census tracts to determine number of families eligible for public housing (1950)

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\* Recounted with somewhat garbled facts in Francine F. Rabinovitz's City Politics and Planning, Atherton Press, New York, 1969

5. Zoning for Parking:

City of Clifton

Special study for emergency amendments to zoning ordinance recommending standards and methods of computation for various industrial uses (1953).

6. Civic Center Design:

A. City of Clifton

Proposed master plan preservation of Federal Animal Quarantine Farm in geographical center of city for use as civic center, including preliminary design (1957) with Carl Mays.

B. City of Passaic

Plans for location and designed interrelationship of library, high school and city hall (1953).

7. Conversion and Rehabilitation:

Controlled conversion of large, old residences to multi-family use on basis of floor-and-lot area ratio. City of Passaic (1952) with Hugh Pomeroy, Consultant. (Pioneer use of zoning for rehabilitation).

Study for residential re-use of surplus, vacant stores. Borough of East Rutherford (1960) with Stewart Reich.

8. Rooming Houses: Location and control (1953) with Stanley B. Tankel

9. "Light" Industry Zones:

City of Clifton

Definitions, standards and draft of proposed amendment to zoning ordinance containing partial performance specifications (1954).

10. Special Office Zone:

City of Clifton

Proposed office zone study for newly constructed thoroughfare to avoid retail business strip; draft of amendments and relation to neighborhood plan (1953). (Probably first office zone in nation).

11. High-Rise Apartment Land Use Study:

City of Clifton

Implications for housing supply, neighborhood character, municipal services, school enrollment, esthetics, sewage disposal, and tax revenues; with proposed zoning standards (1960).

12. High-Rise Apartment Site Studies:

City of Clifton (1957-60)  
With Carl Mays and J. B. Moore

13. Highway Business Frontages:

Redesign of Route 46 in Clifton in vicinity of Middle Village shopping area to avoid marginal interference with traffic and improve efficiency and convenience for shoppers (1958), with J. B. Moore.

14. Revenue Study:

Estimates of anticipated revenues from proposed expansion of parking lots and rate increase. Passaic Parking Authority (1958).

XIV. Metropolitan Regional Studies:

1. Developmental Policy: Five position papers prepared for the New Jersey Committee of Regional Plan Association on transportation, open space, economic base, urban renewal, and governmental structure and allocation of powers for regional planning in northern New Jersey (1960-63).
2. Transportation Corridor Study:
  - (a) Identification of transportation corridors used for homework travel in northern New Jersey;
  - (b) volume of users by mode (rail, bus, auto);
  - (c) relationship to projected population and land use changes; and
  - (d) estimate of impact of new and proposed expressways (1962-64), with William G. Anderson, Jr.
3. Water Resource Management Study:
  - (a) Background of water management in New Jersey;
  - (b) position paper on proposed policy for water management (with William G. Andersen) 1967.
4. Capital Needs Study:
  - (a) Position paper on New Jersey's needs for capital expenditures (1967), leading to appointment of Governor's Commission to Evaluate Capital Needs in New Jersey (1968);
  - (b) Consultant to Commission's Staff (1968). Study initiated steps leading to passage of \$990 million bond issue in 1968.
5. Research Methodology:  
"Housing and Urban Opportunity" a report to the Carnegie Corporation of New York on a research methodology for study of the movement of industry to suburban locations and its impact upon the employment opportunities of the non-white labor force housed in central cities, resulting

in \$480,000 grant (with Dr. Dick Netzer and Regina Armstrong) (1968).

XV. Design of Legislation:

Drafted those sections of the proposed New Jersey Local Land Use Law (Assembly 555; 1963) dealing with community appearance and open space preservation (at request of the County and Municipal Law Revision Commission).

Participated in drafting legislation for New Jersey state-aided middle-income housing (1961-63).

Consultant to staff of Sen. Harrison Williams (N.J.) in drafting bills for Federal subsidies to public transportation and urban open space, later enacted into law (1958-59).

Participated in drafting N. J. blight determination and urban redevelopment acts (1949).

XVI. Selected Professional Papers, Published Lectures, Brochures and Articles (since 1960):

"Jobs and Housing for Racial Minorities in City and Suburbs." Council on Foundations, Montreal (May 1971).

Statement to the Temporary Commission on the Powers of Local Government, State of New York, Robert F. Wagner, Chairman. April 1971.

"The Extent of Knowledge of Exclusionary Land Use Practices and Proposed Areas for Law-Related Research" (with Richard F. Bellman, Esq.) March 1971.

"The Changing Focus and Growing Complexity of Research for Open Housing" March 1971.

Clarence Funnye<sup>1</sup> Memorial Lecture, Annual Conference, American Society of Planning Officials, New Orleans, March 1971.

Curriculum for HUD Training Institutes. December 1970.

"Knowledge and Skills Needed to Work Effectively in the Civil Rights/Housing Field." Basis for Proposed HUD Training Institutes. November 1970.

"Jobs Go Where the Poor Can't," lead article in Department of Labor's magazine Manpower, September 1970.

"Reports of a 'Black Exodus' to Suburbs are Unfounded" (with J. Kombo Moyana), August 1970.

"Jobs and Housing" -- A Statement to the Select Committee on Educational Opportunities, U.S. Senate, Hon. Walter Mondale, Chairman. Washington, August 26, 1970.

"Prospects and Potential of the Newark Watershed Lands." Study and report prepared for the Division of State and Regional Planning, Dept. of Community Affairs. June 1970.

"PPBS -- A Technical and Political Evaluation." Lecture to state training institute for local planners. Newark College, Union, N.J. May, 1970.

"The Case for Repeal of the Professional Planners Licensing Law." A statement to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey as President of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Planners. March 1969.

"Critique of the Yarmolinsky Paper." Prepared as a member of panel on "Who Plans and Who Acts for Social Change? -- The Validity of Planning Institutions and the Planning Establishment." AIP Government Relations Conference, Washington. January 23-24, 1969.

"The Inadequacies of Municipal Powers in Coping with the Urbanization of New Jersey." Paper prepared for the Commission to Study County and Municipal Government, Senator William Musto, Chairman. December 1968.

"Suburban Zoning is Against People." New Jersey League of Municipalities, Atlantic City, November 1968.

"What the Suburbs Owe the City." New Jersey Press Association Conference, Red Bank, November 1968.

"To Move New Jersey Forward." Publication of Regional Plan Association, October, 1968.

"The Majority Response Rally in Trenton. A Recapitulation and Evaluation." May 27, 1968.

"Relating the Interests Involved -- a Strategy for Planning." Luncheon address to Conference on Energy, Economics, Environment sponsored by the Edison Electrical Institute. Chicago, February 1968.

"A Dirty Problem -- A Verdant Opportunity." Brochure published by the Appalachian Highlands Association, 1968.

"Increased Urban Growth: What it Means." Symposium on "Planning for Your Changing Town," Local Planning Officials Council of New York State, May 1967. Published in proceedings and newsletter.

"Old Cities: A Statement of Their Problem In Terms of the Breakdown of the Traditional Acculturation Process." Committee on the Second Regional Plan. Princeton, May 1967.

"New Jersey: Issues and Action" (with William G. Anderson, Jr.) Publication of Regional Plan Association, April 1967.

"Yesterday's Postponed Needs and Tomorrow's Growth Potential: Water and Population." Newark College of Engineering Seminar. April 1967.

"The Model Cities Program -- Promise or Threat." Eastern States Conference of National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. April 1967.

"Moderate Income Housing:" a statement at a public hearing before the Committee on County and Municipal Government, N.J. State Legislature, Trenton, March 1967.

"Are New Jersey Planning Laws Adequate to Achieve Orderly Development of New Jersey Land Space." Rutgers Public Policy Forum, December 1966.

"Urbanization and Regional Planning." New Jersey Water Resources Conference. Rutgers University, July 1966.

"Urban Beauty -- The Natural Scene." Governors' Conference on Natural Beauty. Atlantic City, May 1966.

"Urban Land as a National Resource: The Public Interest vis-a-vis the Market" -- Distribution within AIP, May 1966.

"Transportation in Newark's Past and Future." Newark Commerce, (Newark's 200th Anniversary Issue) Spring 1966.

"Background Papers for Northern New Jersey Regional Conference." April, 1966.

"The Highway Comes to Town." Trenton Times, February 1966.

"Major Political and Governmental Problems of the Metropolitan Area." Eastern Training Institute of the Effective Citizens Organization, Newark. February 1966.

"The Next Stage in New Jersey's Local Rail Program." December 1965.

"Projections of Current Trends in Newark and Essex." June 1965.

"Programs for Highway Esthetics." School of Engineering, Rutgers May 1965.

"The Need for an Urban Land Policy". December 1964.

"Transportation for the Sixties." League of Municipalities Conference, Atlantic City, November 1964.

"Title 40 Revision: The Need for Planning Machinery at a Level Between the Metropolitan Region and Municipality." League of Women Voters, New Jersey State Meeting, March 1964.

"The Allocation of Space: Mechanisms for Deciding Among the Claims of Industrial, Residential, Recreational, Educational Uses" -- Urban Studies Center, Rutgers - The State University, February 21, 1964.

"Proposed Policy Statements." Northern New Jersey Regional Conference, RPA May 1963.

"Can the Older Suburbs Stay Attractive?" Background paper -- RPA Annual Conference, 1962.

"The Future of Apartments in Essex County." Essex County Council of Planning Boards. November 1961.

Address to the Delaware River Basin Water Resources Conference on proposed Tocks Island National Recreational Area. September 1961.

"Citizens Organizations in Local and Regional Planning." 6th Annual Round Table Conference, Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council. Newark, July 1961.

"How to Influence Local Government on Behalf of Community Development." Junior Chamber of Commerce, Newark, N.J. June 1961.

"Bergen County -- 1975." Dinner Meeting, Bergen County Chamber of Commerce. May 1961.

"Transportation in Metropolitan Northern New Jersey." Address to the Business Forum, Fairleigh Dickinson University. November 1960.

#### XVII. Publication: Books

Jobs and Housing: A Study of Employment and Housing Opportunities for Racial Minorities in Suburban Areas of New York Metropolitan Region. Interim Report. National Committee Against Discrimination In Housing. 250 pp. New York, 1970.

Editor and Contributor: Urban Planning in Transition, Grossman, New York 1970.

Co-author: The Local Planning Process in New Jersey. Textbook for Rutgers University Extension Courses, 1968.

#### XVIII. Planning Conferences:

Served as Program Chairman for 1968 National Conference of the American Institute of Planners; Pittsburgh, October 12-15, 1968. Commissioned some 45 papers for plenary and sub-plenary sessions and programmed some 30 workshops. Attended by 2,000.

Organized Northern New Jersey Regional Conferences in 1961, 1963, and 1966, sponsored by Regional Plan Association.

Organized Northern New Jersey Water Policy Conference of key decision-makers and technicians from public regulatory agencies and private water companies, 1967.

Organized area-wide conferences for Passaic Valley communities in 1955 (Clifton) and 1957 (Paterson).

**XIX. State-wide Rally:**

Coordinator of "Majority Response Rally" in 1968, which brought some 1,500 suburbanites to Trenton to hold outdoor mass meeting opposite the State House under chairmanship of former Governor, Alfred Driscoll, to urge an adequate urban aid appropriation. Credited with major influence in favorable legislative outcome. Mass media dubbed rally "rich people's march on Trenton".

**XX. Consultation:**

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Richard J. Sullivan, Commissioner. Task Force on Trunk Sewer Locations, 1972.

State of New Jersey's County and Municipal Government Study Commission. 1968-70.

Paul N. Ylvisaker, Commissioner, N.J. Department of Community Affairs. 1968-70.

New Jersey Bank and Trust Company, Paterson, N.J. (Branch bank location study). 1969

Governor's Commission on Capital Needs (1968).

Various developers, homebuilders and investors.

**XXI. Teaching:**

Pratt Institute, School of Architecture, Department of City and Regional Planning. Course: Metropolitan Regional Planning (1969-72).

Farleigh Dickinson University, Department of Sociology. Course: Urban Society (1964-66).

Rutgers - The State University, Extension Division. Course: The Local Planning Process (1967-68).